

REMARKS

Claims 11-22, 24 and 29-31 are cancelled. Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 25-28 are pending in the application.

Claims 11-22, 24 and 29-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Senzaki, U.S. Patent No. 6,238,734 in view of Kang, U.S. Patent No. 6,127,218. Without admission as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejection, claims 11-22, 24 and 29-31 are cancelled.

Pending claims 1-3, 6-8 and 25-28 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,566,147. Pending claims 1-3, 6-8 and 25-28 additionally stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims pending in Application No. 09/905,320 in view of Senzaki. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer obviating both the double patenting rejection and the provisional double patenting rejection.

Since the only grounds for rejection of pending claims 1-3, 6-8 and 25-28 presented in the action are obviated by applicant's terminal disclaimer, such pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests formal allowance of pending claims 1-3, 6-8 and 25-28 in the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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